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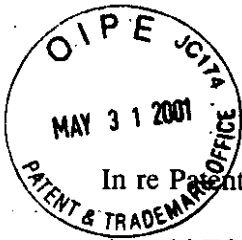
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**U.S. Patents**

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5,184,179	Tarr et al	02/02/93
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To assist the Examiner, the references are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.  
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